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The following steps have been taken during 1997-98, the first year of the 9th Plan, to further strengthen the programmes implemented in the 8th Five Year Plan period in Madhya Pradesh, and all over the country.

		Madhya Pradesh	All India
	PLAN PROGRAMME	Target/Achvt.	Target/Achvt.
1.	Opening of Extra Departmental Post Offices	37/41	500/402
2.	Opening of Departmental Sub Post Offices	2/2	50/52
3.	Opening of Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras	NIL	NIL
4.	Installation of Multi Purpose Counter Machines	80/80	900/479
5.	Installation of Local Area Networks for Savings Bank work	14/14	180/146
6.	Savings Bank Control Organisation Computerisation	0/0	124/124
7.	Modernisation of Post Offices	15/9	264/308
8.	Installation of Very Small Aperture Terminals	0/0	1/1
9.	Installation of ESMOs	NT/10	350/300
10.	Computerisation of mail offices	NT/1	NT/21
11.	Modernisation of mail offices	NT/2	20/20
12.	Construction of Operative Office Building	NT/4	84/54
13.	Construction of Administrative Office Buildings	NT/0	4/4
14.	Construction of Staff Quarters	NT/3	265/275
15.	Computerisation of RPLI in Regions	0/2	6/17

NT: No target.
ESMO: Extended Satellite Money Order Centre
RPLI: Rural Postal Life Insurance.

Proposal to Improve Postal Services

3729. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the casual way in which registered letters and articles are being handled;

(b) whether it is a fact that long delays and un-realiability are the half-mark of postal services presently;

(c) in what way Government propose to tone up postal services; and

(d) full details of steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Registered letters and registered articles being accountable articles are handled with care and speed. As per the rules such articles are handled separately duly entered in registered list and proper records of all such articles are kept at every point of their handling. Such mails are collected, transmitted, sorted and delivered without delay. However, instances of delay in delivery do occur and such cases are investigated and remedial actions taken. Delivery of registered articles are also monitored at various administrative levels.

(b) A number of steps have been taken to speed up the delivery of mails of all categories. In order to meet the requirements of different segments of customers Metro Channel, Rajdhani Channel and Green Channel have been started and a number of steps have been taken to strengthen and streamline the transmission and delivery of mails and enhancing reliability of the service. In fact, such mails have registered steady growth over the year.

(c) and (d) Government have taken following steps to tone up postal services;

(i) The operations involved in providing postal services to the public are constantly monitored to ensure proper performance.

(ii) Computerisation of registeration sorting work-in major mail offices has been done and more offices are being computerised.

(iii) Programme of modernisation of mail offices has been undertaken and 67 mail offices have already been modernised and more such offices are to be modernised in the successive years.

(iv) Rationalisation of mail processing by prioritised and segmented handling of mails of different categories according to their time sensitivity.

(v) Supply of mopeds to postmen serving in havier beats of selected post offices in major cities.

महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड में वित्तीय अनियमितताएं

3730. **श्री रामगोपाल यादव:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड में वित्तीय अनियमितताओं पर रोक लगाना मना है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि भुगतान, निविदा आमंत्रित किए बिना या कार्य पूरे हुए बिना ही कर दिया जाता है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो ऐसा किसके आदेश से होता है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो सरकार अब तक महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड में हुई/हो रही वित्तीय अनियमितताओं की जांच नहीं करने के साथ-साथ इन अनियमितताओं में लिप्त पाए गए अधिकारियों/कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध कोई जांच न किए जाने के क्या कारण है?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कबीन्द्र पुरकायस्थ): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) जी नहीं।

(ग) और (घ) उपर्युक्त उत्तर को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

उत्पाद शुल्क के रूप में प्राप्त राशि

3731. **श्री रामजी लाल:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले वर्ष के दौरान सरकार द्वारा उत्पाद शुल्क के रूप में कुल कितनी राशि एकत्र की गई तथा क्या यह राशि नई नीति के परिप्रेक्ष्य में बहुत कम है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि एक मुश्त उत्पाद शुल्क लगाने की सरकार की नीति को देखते हुए काफी संख्या में कारखाने बंद होने के कगार पर हैं?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० जनार्दनम): (क) वर्ष 1997-98 के दौरान केन्द्रीय